

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lightning kills more people in the United States than either tornadoes or hurricanes; and,

Whereas, Lightning inflicts devastating life long, severe injuries on more people than it kills; and,

Whereas, The greatest threat from lightning is to those outdoors; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's enjoyable summer climate and wealth of outdoor recreational activities make residents and visitors more vulnerable to being struck by lightning; and,

Whereas, The vast majority of lightning casualties can be avoided with the proper preventative actions; and,

Whereas, The key to understanding the dangers of lightning is through education and awareness; and,

Whereas, The National Weather Service has proclaimed Lightning Safety Awareness Week from June 22-28, 2008:

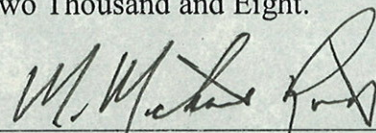
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2008, as

LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

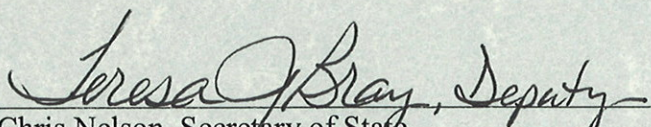
in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens, government agencies, and civic organizations in the state to acquaint themselves with the dangers of lightning and to take the appropriate actions to minimize the risk of lightning deaths and injuries.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State